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#### APOLOGIES IN ORDER.

Those people who have been so reckless and so uncharitable as to accuse the Rev. Mr. Sheldon, who would pub- his great work is over. lish a newspaper as he believed the Master would have him do, of "blasphymy," and "sacrilige" should be quick to offer their apologies now that his effort has been made public.

Is there any blasphemy in the closing sentence of the short prayer with which he began his work: "And as I the gift of the Holy Spirit."

And is this sacriligious? We quote from his first editorial:

"It is, of course, the farthest from my purpose to attempt to show in a dogmatic way what is the one thing that Jesus would do in every case. The only thing that I or any other Christrian man can do in the interpretation of what is Christian in the conduct of this paper is to define the term Christian the best that can be done after asking for divine wisdom, and not judge others who might with equal desire and sincerity interpret the probable action of Jesus in a different manner." If that isn't genuine humility and

broadest charity, where will you find it? "Advertising dodge," says another, when the fame of the man already filled the world. "Money making scheme," cries an-

other, when he positively declines to receive a cent from the venture, though the owner of the paper will be made rich by it.

"But a step to the lecture platform," from another accuser, when before a line had been published he had been offered and declined an offer of \$150,000 for comparatively a short series of lec | two-thirds of the entire wealth of this

No, none of us are justified in flinging stones at the editor-of-a-week so two-thirds of this immense wealth esfar, and none of us are justified in accusing him of wrong he may do in the Citizen.

As a newspaper of up-to-date stand-Sheldon may be a failure, but that the man is a fraud we will not charge with "raid of the poor on the rich," ac., &c the testimony now rendered.

If Christ is not as truly the shepherd of His people today as He was when He walked this earth, then we had as well do away with the 23rd Psaim, and the world can't afford to lose it.

of a paper should be too. True the world may not be ready for it, but the office are guarded and pistol toting man who would help to make it ready rules the hour. The Norfolk Ledger man who would help to make it ready is doing as we believe what Christ would well says there are too many pistols in fore her little ones are born. Neglect have him do. It is enough for the servant to be as his Master. "As thou whiskey," and another says "too much gers her life and that of the child. It hast sent me into the world, even so mint." have I also sent them into the world."

### WEALTH.

No sane man objects to the fact that there are rich men in the world. From the days of Abraham until now some richer than are any of the millionaires of the present day.

Rich men are a necessary part of telegraph lines, our cities, dig our caendow our schools, establish our libraries, encourage our artists, contribute to our churches and our charities. Without them these things would languish than a criticism.

of wealth should so often prove a curse party is in control of all branches of to the possessors as well as to others, the government and for it to fail to or a despotic man.

blessing but a blight as well. It makes would be absolutely certain to drive one sick at heart to know that money the party from power. That is why kings not only combine to make the they will have to patch up some sort of widow's loaf dearer, and the widow's legislation. coal higher, and the widow's blankets harder to buy, but that they actually ing Senator Lindsay, of Ky., who dictate wars, and so become murderers of fathers and sons, and destroyers | Senate tabled | Senator Allen's amendof home and heart peace. This is said to be a government "by the people," that by force of the Paris Treaty of and yet legislation is well nigh as as marketable as corn or cotton. We extended over Porto Rico and its inhave no longer masters on our farms, habitants, and the previous talk of but in our Senate chambers the crack

In whose interest are tariff laws equivalent to a vote in favor of the

ted a war of conquest? Colossal business structures are de- the Constitution. By a coincidence sirable, unless they are built to crush the vote was taken just after Senator. the humbler. Men have the undoubted | Chilton had made a speech, in which right to combine their strength to pro- he said: "Our constitution goes to

for the miserly spirit.

that the laborer is entitled to fair deal- It seems like a travesty to hold that ing as well as his wages, and wealth | Congress, which is the creature of the becomes a shield and not a menace.

There are 4,000 lawyers in Chicago, One copy, one year ......\$1,00 50 and only 400 making a living. If the 3,600 know anything of the use of the hoe, we can secure places for the sum-

R. W. Price, at Green Bay, is authorized to States would do well to imitate Eng- ginning of this year-slightly more

of the country, was stricken with par- then passed it without a division. alysis on Tuesday afternoon, while driving from his home to his hospital. of this government to facilitate nego-His condition is critical and we fear tiations for peace between Great

The recent legislature was a friend of the lawyers. Litigation is springing up the State over, by reason of legislation, and yet the lawyers were by British government. It enabled Mr. no means in the majority. How they must have charmed their associates.

cannot in my own strength do this, or more have combined against Newport publics, by pretending to do something, even with a hope of success attempt it, News. The little sister holds the eards and at the same time gave Lord Salis-I look to Thee, O Lord, my Father in and knows how to play them. They bury just what he wanted-an excuse Jesus Christ my Savior, and ask for can't bluff her. Knowing her strength to serve notice on the powers of Europe, she will dare maintain it.

and gouging each others eyes. We sin- publics would be pushed to a conclu-If he can't be a Democrat he ought not ling between the British Government to be a Republican.

It is said of Edison that one day looking over the railing of an ocean steamer at the mighty heaving of the waves, he burst out: "Oh, that so much force days," he continued, "we will chain all that, and that will be the millenium of but the talk in secret session has a electricity."

Citizens of Larium, a town in Michigan, have appointed a committee to rid the town of negroes. They say only "peaceable and legal" methods will be used, "but that the negroes ing to general staff of European navies, must go." We will go "16 to 1" on that being a red hot Republican stronghold. The negro's best friends are in

As it now is, about one-twentieth of one-per cent, of the population have great country, and have so manipulated and engineered legislation that capes taxation of any kind .- Virginia

And yet when an effort is made to reach this protected and non-paying. it might do much mischief. Deeming ard, the Topeka Capital, edited by Mr. of-tax property, there is the silly cry of "inquisitorial," "communistic," the time to secure ratification of the several How long, O. Lord how long?

The situation in Kentucky is still be ratified extended one year. deplorable. Though appeal has been made to the courts, the Republicans say in advance that they will respect If eating and drinking should be done to the glory of God, then editing of a paper should be too. True the

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, March 19, 1900.

The nightmare labeled "Porto Rico tariff" still hovers over the pillows of men have been better off in things prominent Republicans and destroys temporal than others. A God of infin- their rest. Conferences are held every ite wisdom made Solomon very much day with Mr. McKinley by Senators who favor the tariff and by Senators who favor free trade, and the odd thing is that both classes of Senators talk as civilization. They furnish the capital though they believe Mr. McKinley to to build our railroads, our ships, our be on their side. All sorts of propositions are being advanced by Republinals, mine our coal, drill for our oil, can Senators to avoid anything like an open rupture in their party on this question, one of them being to continue the debate until the close of the session without allowing the bill to come to a and may be die. All honor to them vote, and another to load it up with all then for their contributions, often so sorts of amendments and then defeat generously made, to the common it by an overwhelming vote. The good of all, and would that our refer- dodge in either of these expedients ence to this class of our fellow-citizens would be so palpable, that it is hardly could close with a compliment rather conceivable that the Republican leaders will be foolish enough to allow Alas, that like so many blessings, that either to be adopted. The Republican No rich man ought to be a dissatisfied place itself on record by positive legislation on this question, would be an In these days wealth is not only a acknowledgment of weakness that

voted with the Republicans, that the ment to the Porto Rico bill, declaring Peace the Constitution of the U. S. was some of the Republican Senators made of the ring master's whip is heard and their votes somewhat surprising, as a vote to table the amendment was enacted? What poor man ever dicta- contention that Congress can legislate for our new possessions, regardless of mote legitimate enterprise, but not to Porto Rico. It goes everywhere that touch a hair of the head of the weaker the American power goes, and it is a

shame to our pretensions that the first A man deserves praise for saving, act of an American Congress in dealing but execration for grasping, commen- with our new acquisitions from Spain dation for economy, but anothemas should be an effort to deny to that people the highest right of free men-the Let the rich of our country learn protection of a written Constitution. Constitution, can legislate for anybody or anything in disregard of the terms

of that Constitution." The Senate amended the House bill. placing at Mr. McKinley's disposal all money collected on Porto Rican products, under the Dingley tariff and all In England the methods of raising to be collected thereunder, to be spent revenue from income and inheritance at his discretion for the benefit of the taxes make the rich bear their full por- Porto Ricans, by limiting the money tion of the tax burden. The United to the amount collected before the be- of the kind ever sold than \$2,000,000-and providing that it should only be used for public educa-Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, tion, public works or for other governthe leading surgeon of the South if not mental purposes on the island, and That alleged offer of the good offices

Britain and the Dutch Republics in South Africa, was confirmatory rather than otherwise of the belief that an understanding exists between the McKin-McKinley to make an attempt to soothe the numerous Republican sym-New York, Philadelphia and Balti. pathizers with the two struggling rethrough his answer to the alleged offer of our good offices tha no mediation The Republicans of Rockingham would be tolerated by Great Britain, have been pulling each other's hair and that the conquest of the two recerely hope no harm will happen to our sion as originally planned. If that Bro. Lewis, of the Spirit of the Valley. was not the result of an understandand the McKinley administration, it was one of the oddest coincidences that ever occurred. Senator Mason today called up his Boer resolution in the Senate, and something may be said on this phase of the question. The Republicans have compelled the resoshould go to waste." "But one of these Republicans have compelled the resolution to be debated in secret session, habit of getting out.

Foreign policies are not the only things this administration is conying from European nations, Secretary Long has created a Board to be known as the Naval Policy Board, correspondwhich will control our Navy both in peace and war. Admiral Dewey is head of the new Board. Inasmuch as our Navy has got along for more than a century, during which it has won some of the greatest victories ever fought on water, the reason for such radical departure is not apparent Less red tape, not more, would seem to be what is needed. As long as Dewey is at the head of the new Board, no fear need be felt about what it may do, but with a political favorite at its head, the present session an inopportune reciprocity treaties with colonies of Great Britain, the administration has had the time within which they may

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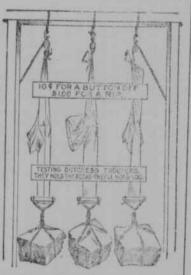
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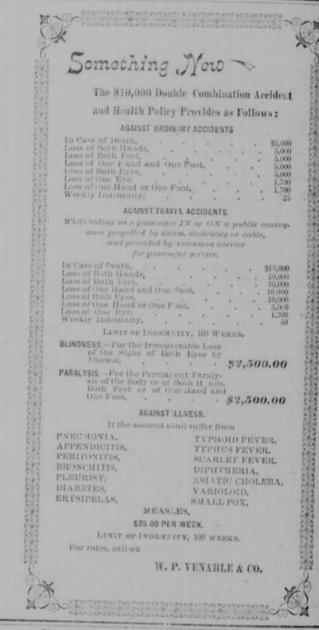
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